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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

## I. AMENDMENT

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 44.

Please insert the following new claims:

--45. (New) A method of inhibiting binding of a natural liga::d to a vitronectin receptor comprising contacting said vitronectin receptor with a peptide containing the sequence Arg-Gly-Asp, said Arg-Gly-Asp sequence being conformationally restricted, thereby inhibiting binding of said natural ligand to said vitronectin receptor selectively with respect to the function of other receptors